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ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 - Election of officers

1. Under rule 64, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the Trade and Development Board, and in accordance with the cycle of rotation for the election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur, the Chairman of the Working Party at its twenty-eighth session shall be a representative of one of the States members in List B. The Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur shall be a representative of one of the States members in list C.

Item 2 - Adoption of the agenda

2. The provisional agenda is reproduced above.

Item 3 - Review of the UNCTAD section of the United Nations programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999

3. At the first part of its twenty-eighth session, the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget reviewed UNCTAD's work programme for the biennium 1996-1997 in the light of the outcome of the ninth session of the Conference. In order to finalize the text, the Working Party recommended that interested delegations submit written comments to the Secretary-General of UNCTAD. On that basis, the secretariat was to prepare a revised version. Accordingly, at its twenty-ninth session, the Working Party will have before it this revised version, as well as information relating to resource allocation.

4. Furthermore, the Working Party will also have before it, in accordance with the understanding reached at the Consultations held by the President of the Trade and Development Board on 17 December 1996, a non-paper containing UNCTAD's first draft of the work programme for the biennium 1998-1999.

5. At its resumed session in April, the Working Party will have before it the United Nations Secretary-General's proposed programme budget for UNCTAD, as submitted to ACABQ and CPC.

Item 4 - Provisional agenda for the thirtieth session of the Working Party

6. The secretariat will submit to the Working Party for its consideration a draft provisional agenda for its thirtieth session.

Item 5 - Other business

Item 6 - Adoption of the report of the Working Party to the Trade and Development Board

7. The report of the Working Party on its twenty-ninth session will be submitted to the Trade and Development Board.